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T O W N O F N E W P O R T

LOCAL MEETINGS

- Town Council meets monthly on the second Thursday at 6:00PM
- Planning Board meets on the 3rd Monday at 5:30PM
- Recreation Advisory meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30PM
- Meetings are open to the Public at Town Hall



WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?

This seems to be the question we get most often this time of year. Newport tax bills have been mailed and no doubt you have notice an increase in your bill.

This year Council set the ad valorem tax rate of 44 cents per \$100. of your property value. In other words, for every \$100,000 in value, we collect \$440.

Your tax dollars cover the expense of operating the Police Department, staffed with highly educated, and expertly trained Officers, who will respond quickly to your 911 call. Many of our officers hold State Certifications found no where else in the County.

Your tax dollars partially fund

the Fire Department, again staffed with highly trained emergency response personnel with the equipment need-



A penny of tax equals \$32,655.

ed to respond to any emergency situation from accidents on the highway to backyard fires, they are here to protect you and your property

Your tax dollars fund the Pub-

lic Works Department responsible for maintaining, town ditches, town parks, facilities and provide weekly yard debris pick up at no additional charge.

Your tax dollars fund Recreational events for example movies in the park, Newport Community Fest and monthly activity calendars available for pick up at the Town Hall.

Your tax dollars pay the salaries of employees whose number one job is to see that your dollars are not wasted, but stretched and used to benefit the taxpayer of Newport.

Click the link below to see the new budget.

[FY21/22 BUDGET](#)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Cathy Barnes has been employed with Newport for over 23 years. She is dedicated, hardworking and always quick to say "hello." Cathy has never met a stranger.

Cathy began her career as part-time custodian in 1997. Her

value quickly became apparent and she was made a full time employee of the Town Hall.

You will often see Cathy in the Town Park maintaining the cleanliness of the grounds and the public restrooms. She is a

gem and offers her assistance to anyone in need.

Cathy admits she "loves everybody!"

Cathy has two daughters, two grandchildren and resides in Newport.

ANNUAL NEWPORT FIREMAN'S DAY

Mark your calendars, **October 16th** Newport Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association in partnership with Newport Parks and Recreation will combine Fireman's day and the Newport Community Fest into one large community event.

The day begins at 10:00AM with several interactive and static displays.

A classic car show will begin

at 10:00AM with an awards ceremony at 1:30PM.

At 10:30AM a [Pine wood](#) derby races will start, but you must pick up your car kits in advance of the event.

Throughout the day you can enjoy food provided by the Newport Pig Cookin' Association. There will be various craft vendors and a children's activity area to include bounce houses.

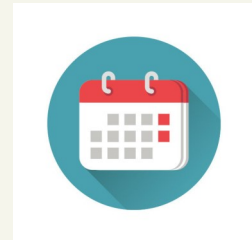
Musical entertainment starts at 2:00PM with Bryan Mayer.

At 4:00PM Forever All will take the stage and to round out the evening the Tim Clark Band will play from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

A beer garden will be open from 2:00PM to 9:00PM.

This is a rain or shine event!

See the [Town Website](#) and Facebook for additional information.



SCARECROWS IN THE PARK 2021

"This is a new event in hopes it turns into an annual one"

Local businesses, non-profits and community groups located in the 28570 zip code are encouraged to take part in "building" scarecrows for our first annual [Scarecrow Walk](#).

Registration begins September 1st and end September 27th.

The cost to sponsor a scarecrow is \$40.



Participants may decorate their scarecrows beginning October 1 thru October 5.

Enthusiastic builders should use their imaginations when building a scarecrow which will be mounted on a post and placed along the park fence on Howard Blvd. Your creation will remain in place through the month of

October. So get some community exposure, while participating in a family friendly event. For more information contact Kathy Jo Buttery at 252-223-4749 option 5 or email kbuttery@townofnewport.com

You can find the latest Park and [Recreation information](#) by going to the [Town's website](#) and liking us on Facebook.

DID YOU KNOW?

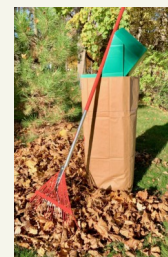
Newport Public Works Department picks up curb-side yard debris every Wednesday. (Weather permitting) This service is offered free of charge to residential properties in the corporate limits. A few things to remember when setting out debris: trees, branches and limbs

cut by a contractor or yard service company are the responsibility of the company. Loose leaves and grass should be bagged. Limbs no larger than 4 feet long or 3 inches around. Excessive piles will be left for the next pick up cycle. Much of this yard debris is chipped and

then placed in a pile for your use.

The mulch pile is located under the water tower on Verdun St. Take as much of the material as you can use.

Happy mulching!



Bag loose debris for pick up

CHRISTMAS PARADED PARTICIPANTS WANTED



**2D MAW BAND & COLOR GUARD OFTEN LEAD
NEWPORT CHRISTMAS PARADE**

On August 23, Newport Christmas Parade Committee Chair, Kathy Jo Buttery, assembled volunteers to begin planning for the 46th Annual Newport Christmas Parade. The event will take place on December 5th at 3:00PM. This year's parade theme honors the military, doctors, nurses and first responders. Applications can be found [here](#).

Volunteers are always welcome,

some areas of need include decorating Santa's float, organizing participants, serving refreshments to participating bands and of course set up and clean up, before and after the event. The next parade committee meeting is October 18 at 6:00PM to volunteer please contact Kathy Jo (252) 223-4749 or kbuttery@townofnewport.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Newport Pig Cookin' Contest Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in the 2022 event. Due to COVID 19 the contest was canceled in 2019 and 2020, but will return for the 2022 season on April 1 & 2. Prospective volunteers can attend the monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday at 6:30PM in the Pig Cookin' building at the end of Verdun

St., just past the Newport Town Hall.

Would you be interested in serving on a committee or board? Newport has two governmental boards where volunteers are appointed by Town Council and County Commissioners. The Planning Board and The Board of Adjustments function as an extension of

your local government. The Newport Recreation committee is also made up of volunteers appointed by Town Council to assist with the planning and executing of recreational events where many "hands" are needed.

To volunteer or apply for one of these opportunities contact the [Town Clerk](#).



*There are a
number of
opportunities to
volunteer in your
community*

HARD TO FIND PHONE NUMBERS

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| Newport Police Department Office | 252-223-5410 |
| Newport Fire Department Office | 252-223-4510 |
| Newport Public Works Department | 252-223-3902 |
| After hours Water emergency | 252-764-1652 |
| Newport Post Office | 252-223-4638 |
| County Library in Newport | 252-648-7727 |

Newport Town Hall has a new phone system all departments can be reached by calling 252-223-4749 listen for the prompts for the desired department.



WE'RE ON THE WEB

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Incorporated in 1866, Newport is situated along the Newport River, one of just a handful of "black water rivers" in NC. A State Wildlife boat ramp with kayak access located at 333 East Chatham Street.

Town with Old-Fashioned Courtesy

NEWPORT STRATEGIC PLAN

"NEWPORT is an affordable family-friendly community located along Highway 70 that is in close proximity to the coastal recourses of Carteret County and plentiful recreational opportunities. Newport's strong local educational system make it a great place to live and a premier destination for business and employment opportunities." This statement from the 2013 Strategic Plan is as true today as it was then.

On September 21st Newport Town Council will hold a workshop to discuss the Town's [2013 Strategic Plan](#). Council will focus on the accomplishments the Town has made in the last eight years. This meeting will take place at the Town Hall at 5:00PM, the public is

encouraged to attend. The Council will not be conducting any business at this meeting, it is to gather information and share ideas.

Follow up Council workshops will take place on a quarterly basis. December 21st is the next published meeting date and set to begin at 6:00PM. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers in the Town Hall located at 200 Howard Blvd.



**Newport
River**